

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S. C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Combes (471) in view of Dew et al (843). Claims 7-8 and 10-12 were objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Claim 9 contained the trademark/trade name Sipernat. Claims 5-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Turbak (381) in view of Combes and Dew.

In response, all previous claims have been cancelled and new independent claim 13 has been introduced with 19 dependent claims following. No new matter has been entered.

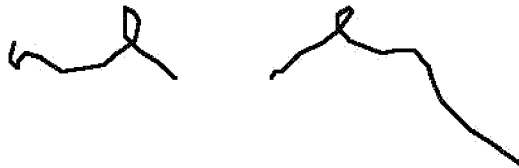
The claims now recite steps of the process of the present invention combined together, whereas in the cancelled set of claims steps of the process of the present invention were not combined together. This combination, as now claimed respectfully, is much more involved and focused on solving the particular problem that the present invention aims to solve (preserving and protecting the active ingredients of oil, reducing product odor, and reducing cost in the dehydration process) as opposed to any combination of cited references. In other words, various steps are not presented in isolation as before; but rather, the steps of the present invention have all been combined to render the present invention non-obvious.

Further, the claims now recite the immediacy of carrying out the steps of the present invention – a further limitation that again is aimed at specifically solving the problem that the present invention aims to solve (preserving and protecting the active ingredients of oil, reducing product odor, and reducing cost in the dehydration process).

Additionally, the claims now recite that milling is to occur in a cold chamber mill – this is further tied to solving the particular problem that the present invention aims to solve (preserving and protecting the active ingredients of oil, reducing product odor, and reducing cost in the dehydration process). Applicant believes that the further limitations of the amended claims now define a targeted process that is directly limited to solve a particular problem. In contrast, the cited references do not specify the particular limitations, either alone or in combination, that make the amended claims non-obvious. In particular, as mentioned in the original specification as filed, exposure to certain temperatures damages oil's enzymes. The process of the present invention is specifically directed to ensuring that oil's enzymes are left fully intact.

Any extensions of time are hereby requested. ***Please charge all fees due and owing to Deposit Account No. 500356 in the name of A + Legal Services - Greenberg & Lieberman.***

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael L. Greenberg', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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